

Regional NRM Bugle



KEY MESSAGES 15/10/04

- Joint Steering Committee will meet on 20th and 21st
- All registered Landcare groups to receive grants application information pack
- Practical solutions for water quality issues
- ABARE's Outlook 2005 conference

JSC meeting 16 to be held on October 20th and 21st in Cairns

The Far North Queensland NRM Group will be hosting the Joint Australian and Queensland Government Steering Committee's (JSC) meeting in Cairns on the 20th–21st October. The JSC will be considering both the Queensland Murray Darling Committee's and the Fitzroy Basin Association's Regional Investment Strategies in addition to a number of other agenda items.

The JSC will also meet with several of the northern regional NRM bodies including, Far North Queensland NRM Group, Northern Gulf Resource Management Group, Cape York Inc, Torres Strait NRM and the Northern Regional Coordination Group.

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All registered Landcare groups to receive grants application information pack

An information pack, outlining the state government's Community Natural Resource Awareness Activity Grants program 2005, has been mailed to registered Landcare groups. The \$100 000 state government grant program is designed to encourage greater community involvement in natural resource management (NRM).

The information package contains background information and an application for grants of up to \$2500 each to develop small, innovative and creative promotional projects in partnership with community, school, youth or business groups and/or local government. Applications for the community grants program close on Friday December 17 2004.

If you are a registered group and you do not receive an information package on the grants, please contact [Adam Richardt](#) on 07 3239 3860. There will be a follow up mail out of Group Registration Applications during the next two weeks.

Guidelines and application forms for the Community Natural Resource Awareness Activity Grants program 2005 are also available from NR&M's web site at www.nrm.qld.gov.au/community/ca_grants.html

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Practical solutions for water quality issues - Healthy Country, Healthy Reef Conference 23rd - 25th November, Cairns International Hotel

The Catchment to Reef research program and Rainforest CRC will host the 'Healthy Country, Healthy Reef' conference to showcase how land owners, community groups, government agencies, organisations and scientists are working together to address water quality issues in catchments adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef.

Using practical on-ground solutions is the best way to address water quality issues. The 'Healthy Country, Healthy Reef' conference will be a forum where all members of the community can meet and discuss practical solutions to the water quality issues affecting them, their industries, or their interests.

The conference will be held in Cairns from the 23rd to the 25th of November. Registrations close on the 29th of October and poster submissions are most welcome until this date.

For information, a conference program or to register go to www.rainforest-crc.jcu.edu.au and follow the links. For more information about the Catchment to Reef research program contact the Extension Officer - Tim Prior on (07) 4781 5269 or tim.prior@jcu.edu.au.

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ABARE's OUTLOOK 2005 conference

For stakeholders in agricultural and natural resource industries, ABARE's OUTLOOK 2005 conference is a valuable opportunity to participate in Australia's premier market assessment forum. As part of the comprehensive overview ABARE economists will release one year and five year forecasts to 2009-10 for national major export commodities.

Visit www.abareconomics.com/outlook to view program and register online as a delegate.

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